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Chief, Operations Group

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Dear Jerry:

Your letter arrived hard on the heels of an embassy reassessment of the mission evacuation plan. Here in Bahrain the mission evacuation plan is something of an extraordinary document. It is a rather voluminous plan in that it has attempted to cover various phases (depending on imminent threat) of evacuation of all Americans on the island--that runs to approximately 1,500 people at present. [redacted]

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The plan envisages orderly evacuation through several phases. The first phase would be evacuation by commercial air proceeding to more intense efforts involving assembly points and possible evacuation off the beach by the Navy as the intensity of threat increases. [redacted]

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The embassy's reassessment of its plan has taken into consideration our growing staff of TCN's and they are now part of the evacuation list by name and number of dependents. The plan is controlled by the embassy, but close coordination with Navy authorities is an integral feature. [redacted]

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In sum, Gulf bureau employees are very much a part of the embassy's evacuation plan and if the need ever arises we can be confident that we will be treated in the appropriate manner. However, while we are confident that all our people will be taken out, the question arises about what we do with them then. As with the 1974 evacuation from Cyprus, Medburo monitors were scattered all over the place. I imagine we would want to make reassignments as quickly as possible if we had to leave here. Attached is a list of our monitors, their respective language capabilities, and where we think they should be reassigned in the event of an evacuation. [redacted]

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Hope this serves to reassure headquarters on our EE awareness and preparations.

Sincerely,

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